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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
ART UNIT 2767

Docket No.: 826.1377/RAG

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hironobu KITAJIMA et al.

Serial No.: 08/814,409

Filed: March 11, 1997

For: ENCRYPTING/DECRYPTING SYSTEM WITH PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC
DEVICE/UNIT AND METHOD THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 2767

Examiner: D. Meislahn

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 1999, and having a period for response set to expire on November 26, 1999. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

21. (ONCE AMENDED) line 8, after "algorithm" insert --only--.

22. (ONCE AMENDED) line 8, after "algorithm" insert --only--.

REMARKS

In the August 26, 1999 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-25 were pending in the application, rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and rejected claims 1-20 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patents 4,972,478 to Dabbish; 5,703,950 to Jovanovich et al.; and 5,345,508 to Lynn et al.